

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following amended title:

NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING NOVEL BACILLUS THURINGIENSIS
INSECTICIDAL PROTEINS, PLANT CELLS, PLANTS OR SEEDS COMPRISING
THE NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND METHODS OF USING SAME

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, lines 1-11, of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The genes encoding the Cry proteins of this invention can be sequenced in a conventional manner (Maxam and Gilbert, 1980; Sanger, 1977) to obtain the DNA sequence. Sequence comparisons indicated that the genes are different from previously described genes encoding protoxins and toxins with activity against Lepidopera (see, e.g., Höfte and Whiteley, 1989; Crickmore, et al., 1998; and the October 16, 2000 update on the *Bt* nomenclature website corresponding to the Crickmore et al. (1998) publication, found at ~~http://epunix.biols.susx.ac.uk/Home/Neil_Crickmore/Bt/index.html~~ the faculty web page of Dr. Neil Crickmore at the University of Sussex, School of Life Sciences). Also, the Cry2A proteins of the invention are novel over any of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* crystal protein sequences in the December 13, 2001 update of this *Bt* nomenclature website.

Please replace the section that appears as the first paragraph on page one of the specification and is prior to the "Background of the Invention," with the following amended section:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation-in-part of ~~claims priority to~~ Application No.

09/756,296, filed January 9, 2001, of which the present application claims benefit.

T~~he~~ disclosure of ~~which is hereby incorporation~~ the foregoing application is herein
incorporated by reference in its entirety.